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MEMORANDUM

Per Capita US Aid to Various Countries

In the two fiscal years 1974 and 1975, the US provided a total of \$3.4 billion of economic and military aid to Israel. This aid amounted to about \$515 per person per year, much more than any other recipient of US aid since 1949.

South Vietnam ranks second in per capita aid. During fiscal years 1972 and 1973, US economic and military aid to South Vietnam peaked at \$5.6 billion. This aid amounted to about \$150 per person per year in current dollars. In terms of 1975 dollars it would be \$190.

Laos, with a population about equal to Israel's (3 million people), is in third place. The per capita US aid reached \$140 during fiscal years 1972 and 1973, in 1975 dollars. Taiwan on the same basis received peak aid of \$100 per capita in fiscal years 1956 and 1957. Other major recipients, including South Korea in 1968-69 and the European countries during the Marshall Plan years, received between \$20 and \$60 per year in 1975 dollars. For example, the highest European recipient is France at \$45 per capita.

By contrast, the Less Developed Countries on the average are now receiving about \$10 per capita from all foreign governments and international organizations. The range around this number is very large but individual country figures rarely top \$100 per capita. For example, the 1975 figure for India is \$4 per capita and Egypt \$60. Jordan, with a population of only 1.8 million, is now receiving total aid of about \$250 per capita.

US Per Capita Economic and Military Aid
Fiscal Years 1949-75

<u>Country</u>	<u>Fiscal Years</u>	<u>Annual Per Capita</u> <u>1975 Dollars</u>
Israel	1974-75	515
South Vietnam	1972-73	190
Laos	1972-73	140
Taiwan	1956-57	100
Cambodia	1971-72	57
Jordan	1962-63	55
France	1949-53	45
Dominican Republic	1965-66	45
South Korea	1968-69	40
UK	1949-53	38
Chile	1966-67	37
Bolivia	1962-63	35
Panama	1967-68	34
Greece	1962-63	29
West Germany	1949-53	27
Turkey	1962-63	25
Liberia	1972-73	24
Tunisia	1962-63	24

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The attached is in response
to your question about per capita
United States aid to various coun-
tries, including Israel.

Sincerely,


W. E. Colby
Director

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